



2016 Census Profile on the Town of Richmond Hill

Release #5: Immigration and ethnocultural diversity, Housing, and Aboriginal peoples

Every 5 years, Statistics Canada (on behalf of the Government of Canada) undertakes a nation-wide Census. The purpose of this Census is to collect quantitative information on the country's population, and provides a detailed snapshot of the demographic, social, and economic conditions of the country.

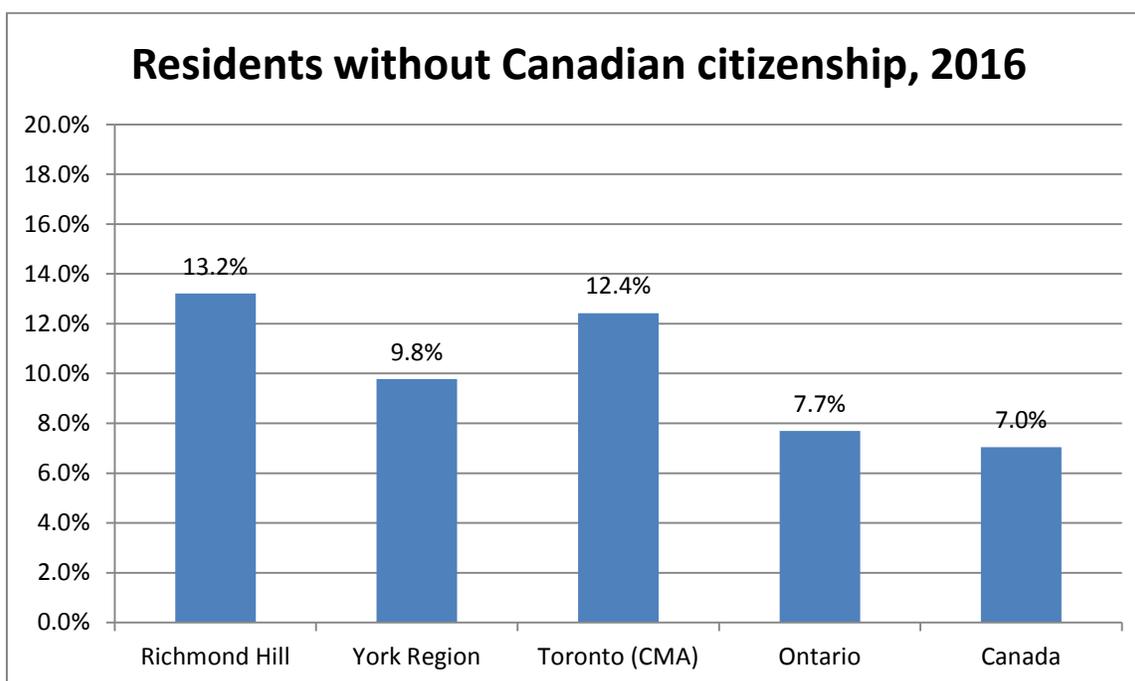
Data collected from the 2016 Census is being released in stages between February 2017 and November 2017. The following is a summary of the data from the fifth release that occurred in October 2017, containing information on immigration and ethnocultural diversity, housing, and Aboriginal peoples. Information on the overall 2016 Census and the release schedule is contained within the Census Profile focusing on Release #1: Population and dwelling counts.

Citizenship

- 86.8% of Richmond Hill residents in 2016 were Canadian citizens, and 13.2% of residents were not Canadian citizens. This is a higher proportion of non-citizens than in 2006 and 2011, which both had proportions of non-citizens slightly below 10%.

| Citizenship | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Canadian citizens | 90.6% | 90.4% | 86.8% |
| Not Canadian Citizens | 9.4% | 9.6% | 13.2% |

- Richmond Hill has a higher proportion of non-citizens than York Region (9.8%), Toronto CMA (12.4%), Ontario (7.7%) and Canada (7.0%).

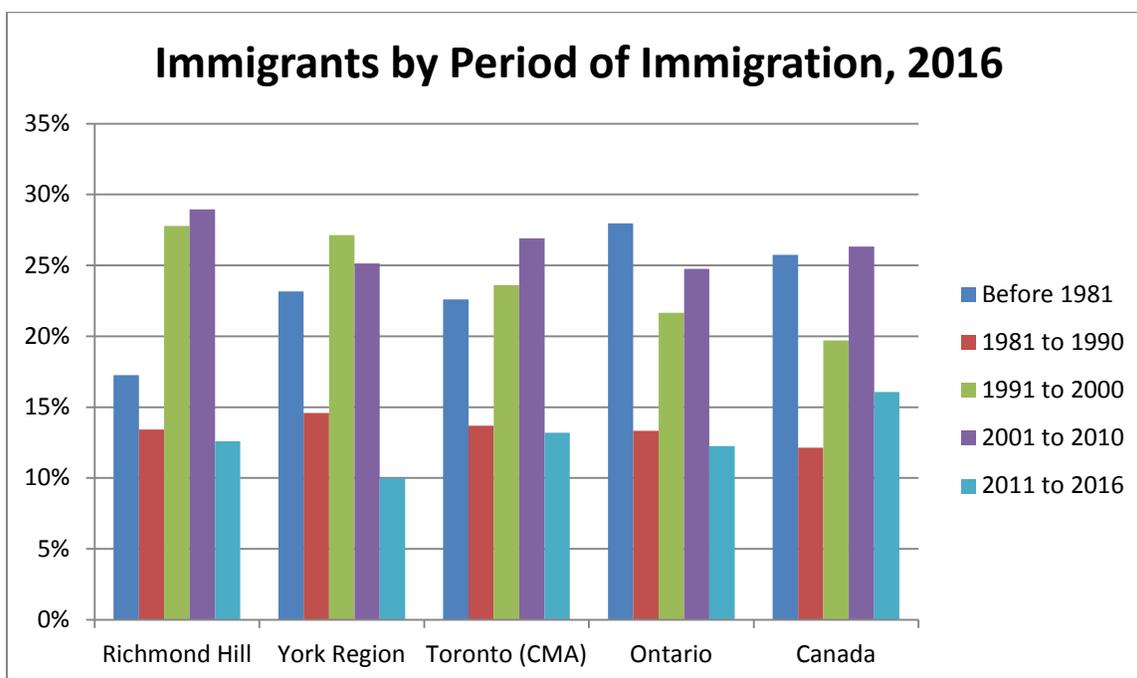


Immigrant status and period of immigration

- Non-immigrants would be people who were born in Canada, while immigrants were those people born outside of Canada and have moved to live in Richmond Hill.
- The proportion of Richmond Hill's population that are immigrants continues to increase: from 54.9% in 2011 to 57.4% in 2016.
- The number of residents who are not immigrants declined between 2011 and 2016.

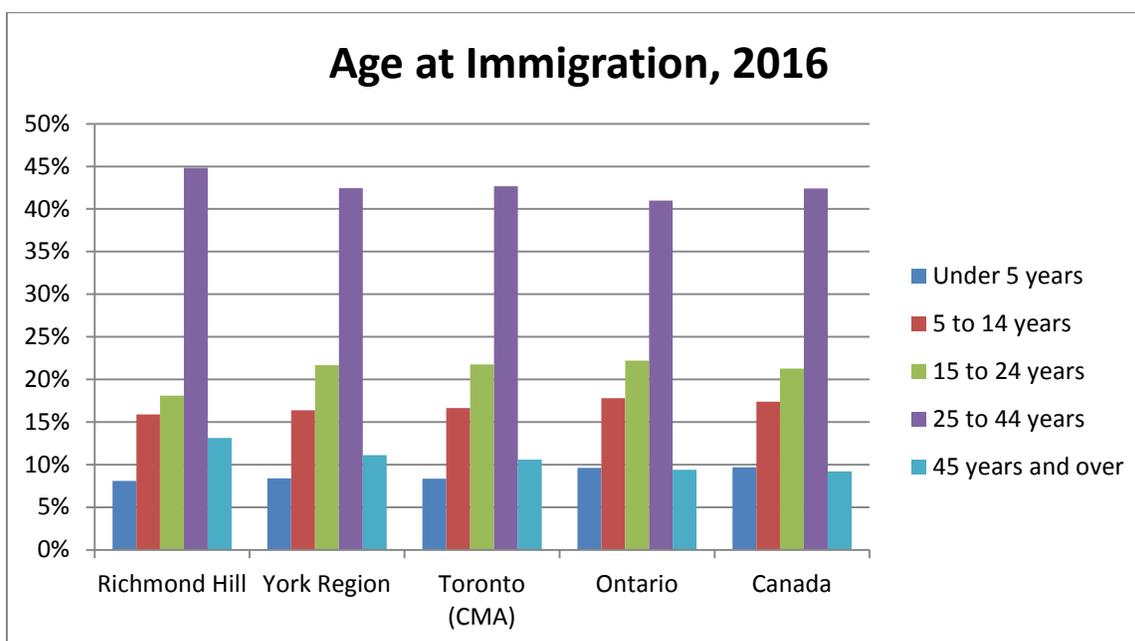
| Immigrant status | 2011 | 2016 |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Non-immigrants | 44.2% | 41.0% |
| Immigrants | 54.9% | 57.4% |
| Non-permanent residents | 0.9% | 1.6% |

- Most immigrants to Richmond Hill are relatively recent arrivals: 41.5% arrived between 2001 and 2016, and 69.3% arrived between 1991 and 2016.
- Compared to York Region, Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada, Richmond Hill has a higher proportion of immigrants who arrived between 1991 and 2010.



Age at immigration

- Immigrants living in Richmond Hill tend to have arrived in Canada at an older age than other jurisdictions, with the proportion of immigrants having arrived in the 25 to 44 years and 45 years and over groups being higher than York Region, Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada.



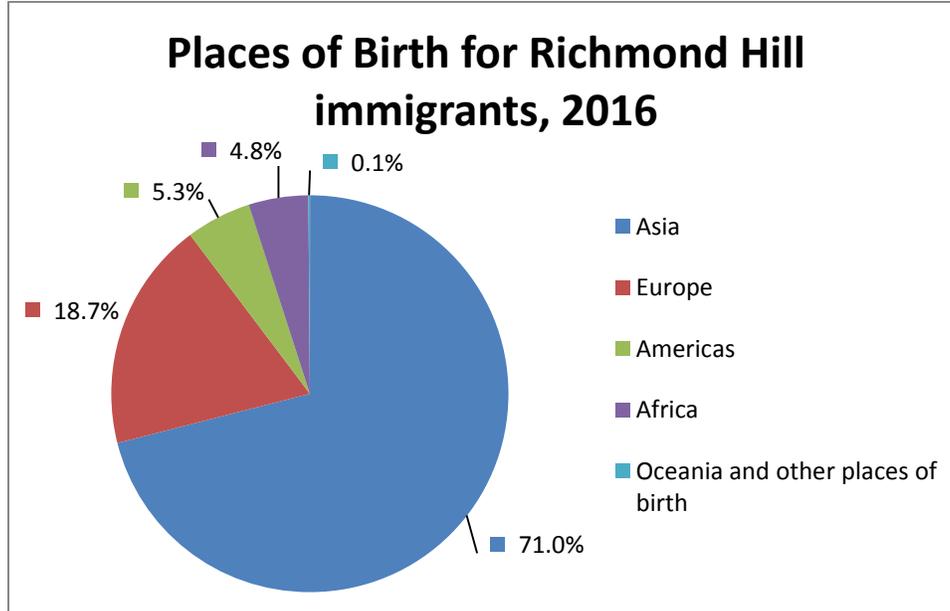
Generation status

- First generation immigrants are those who were born in another country and moved to Canada. Second generation are those who were born in Canada and are the children of immigrants, while third generation are those where both parents were born in Canada.
- More than half of Richmond Hill's population are first generation immigrants at 59.5% of the total population, which is a much higher proportion compared to other jurisdictions. Second generation immigrants, such as the children of immigrants, comprise 27.0% of Richmond Hill's population.
- The proportion of each generation has fluctuated somewhat between census years, with an increase in second generation from 21.7% in 2006 to 27.0% in 2016, and a decrease in third or more generation from 16.7% in 2006 to 13.5% in 2016.

| Generation status | Richmond Hill | York Region | Toronto (CMA) | Ontario | Canada |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| First generation | 59.5% | 48.6% | 49.0% | 31.1% | 23.9% |
| Second generation | 27.0% | 29.7% | 28.6% | 23.0% | 17.7% |
| Third generation or more | 13.5% | 21.7% | 22.4% | 45.8% | 58.4% |

Immigrants by selected place of birth

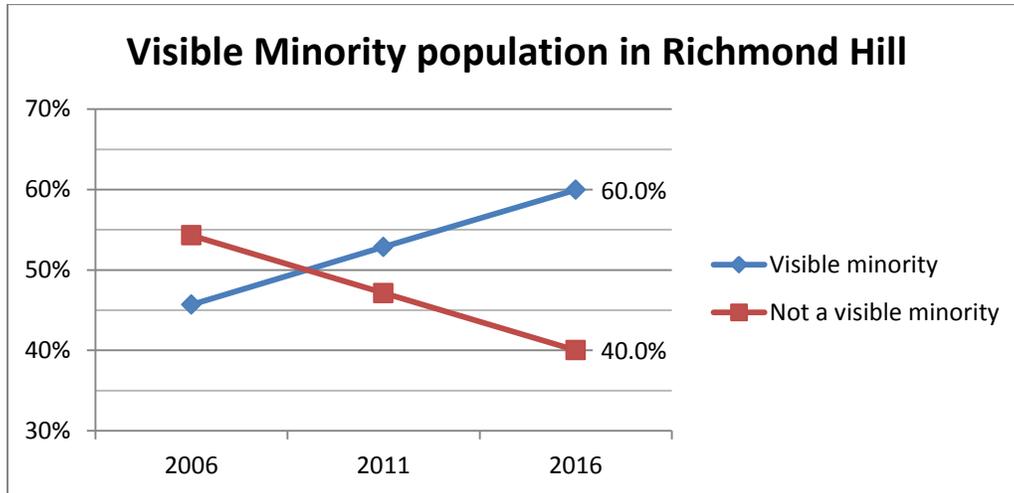
- Asia is the most common continent for immigrants to Richmond Hill to be born in, with 71% of immigrants being born there. Europe is the next most common continent, with 18.7% of immigrants born there.
- The most common countries for immigrants to Richmond Hill to be from are China (21.6%), Iran (15.6%), and Hong Kong (11.7%).



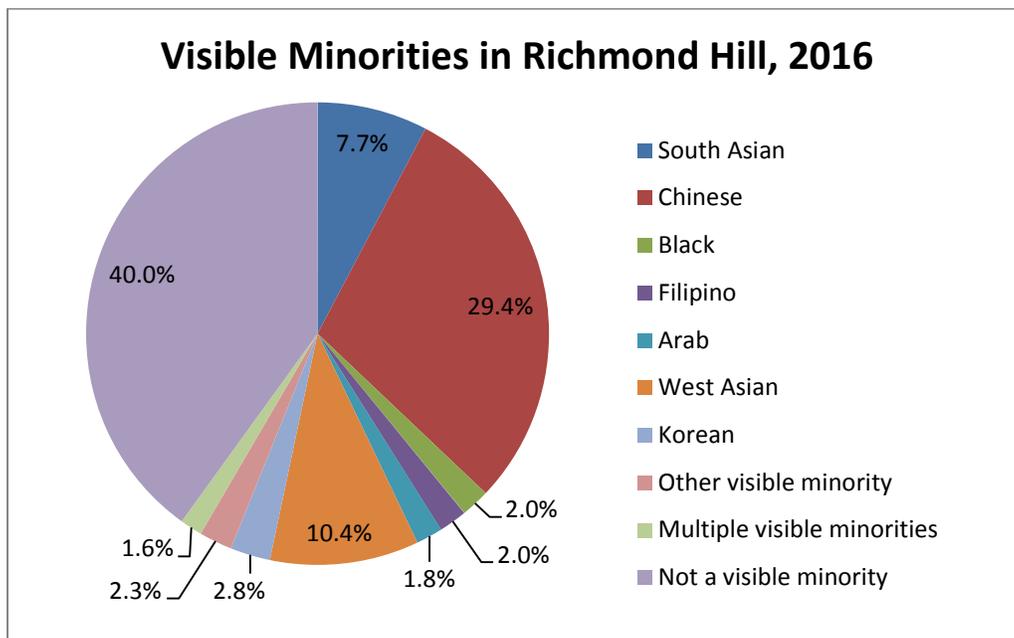
| Top 10 most common countries of birth | Number | Percentage |
|---------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| China | 23,975 | 21.6% |
| Iran | 17,305 | 15.6% |
| Hong Kong | 12,965 | 11.7% |
| Italy | 3,870 | 3.5% |
| Russian Federation | 3,780 | 3.4% |
| South Korea | 3,725 | 3.3% |
| India | 3,450 | 3.1% |
| Philippines | 2,810 | 2.5% |
| Ukraine | 2,515 | 2.3% |
| United Kingdom | 1,910 | 1.7% |
| Other countries | 34,765 | 31.3% |

Visible minority population

- In 2016, 60% of Richmond Hill residents identify as a visible minority.
- The proportion of the population in Richmond Hill identifying as a visible minority has continued to increase over time: from 45.7% in 2006, to 52.9% in 2011, to 60.0% in 2016.

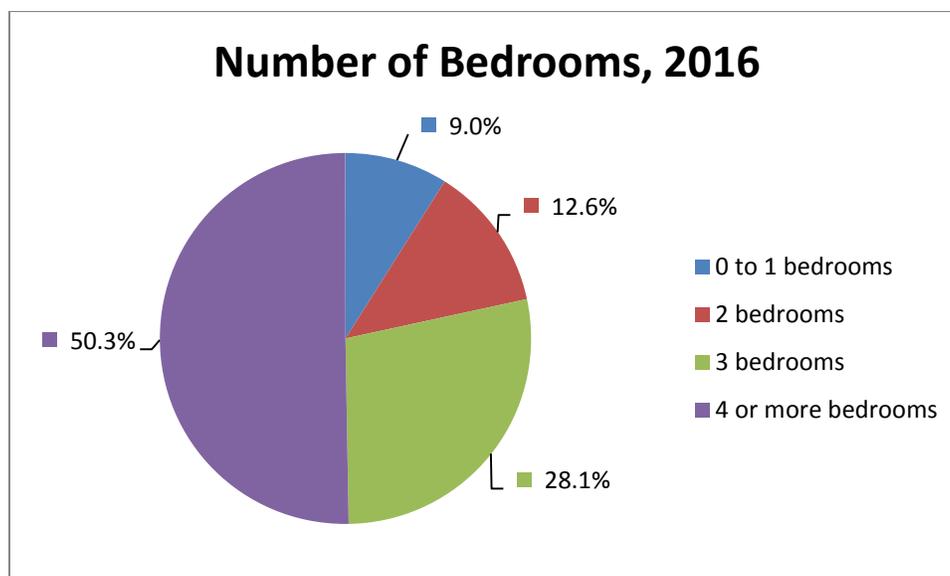


- Chinese is the most prominent visible minority population, comprising 29.4% of the total population in Richmond Hill, followed by West Asian (10.4%) and South Asian (7.7%).



Household characteristics

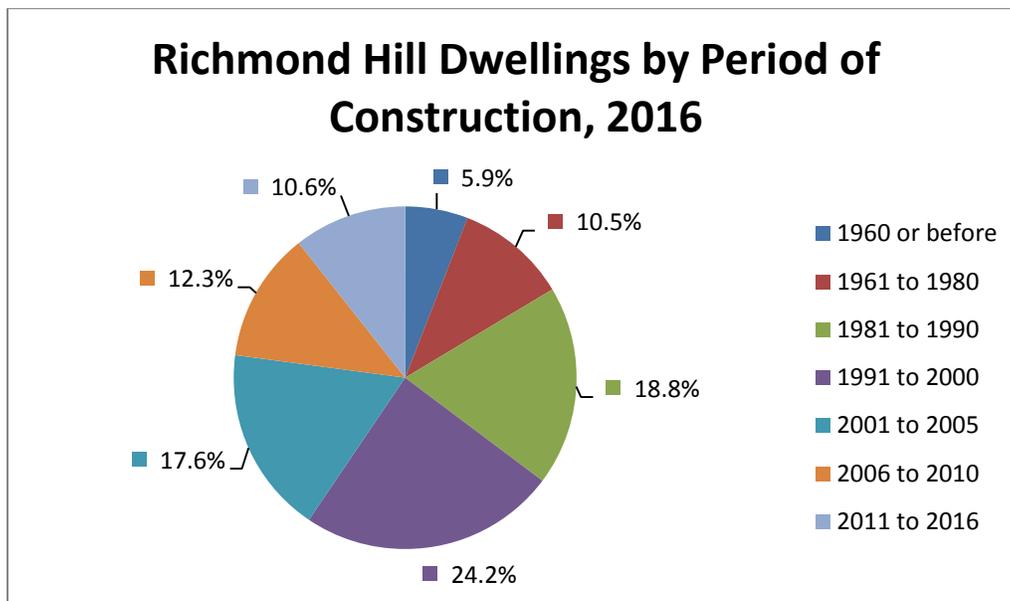
- The proportion of tenant households has increased, with 17.6% of households in Richmond Hill living in a rental unit, compared to 14.2% in 2011.
- More Richmond Hill households are condominium units (either apartment or ground-related), as condominium households increased from 15.0% in 2011 to 16.5% in 2016.
- Approximately half of Richmond Hill households contain 4 or more bedrooms, a slight increase from 49.8% in 2011. The number of one-bedroom households increased from 7.6% in 2011 to 9.0% in 2016, while the number of 2- and 3-bedroom households decreased.



- Housing suitability refers to whether a private household is living in accommodations that are appropriate for the number and composition of the persons living in the household, according to the National Occupancy Standard, developed by CMHC.
- Richmond Hill has 95% of households accommodated suitably, a decrease from 97.7% in 2011. The housing suitability measure for Richmond Hill is in line with the housing suitability measure for York Region and Canada.

| Housing suitability | Richmond Hill | York Region | Toronto (CMA) | Ontario | Canada |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| Suitable | 95.0% | 94.9% | 90.4% | 94.0% | 95.1% |
| Not suitable | 5.0% | 5.1% | 9.6% | 6.0% | 4.9% |

- The majority of Richmond Hill’s housing stock is less than 25 years old, as 64.8% was built since 1991. Furthermore, 22.9% is less than 10 years old, built between 2006 and 2016.
- Compared to the Toronto CMA, which has 61.1% of the housing stock built before 1991, Richmond Hill’s housing stock is relatively modern.



- The number of dwellings requiring major repairs in Richmond Hill has remained stable, with 3.3% identified as needing major repairs.
- The proportion of dwellings requiring major repairs is slightly higher than the York Region average, but lower than Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada.

| Dwelling condition | Richmond Hill | York Region | Toronto (CMA) | Ontario | Canada |
|--|---------------|-------------|---------------|---------|--------|
| Only regular maintenance or minor repairs needed | 96.7% | 96.9% | 94.6% | 93.9% | 93.5% |
| Major repairs needed | 3.3% | 3.1% | 5.4% | 6.1% | 6.5% |

- The generally accepted threshold of housing affordability is where households are paying 30% of their income on housing costs (e.g. mortgage payments or rent). Households paying more than the threshold of 30% of their income are experiencing affordability issues.
- In Richmond Hill, 33.8% of owner households and 55.8% of rental households are paying 30% or more. Measures for both owner and tenant households are higher than York Region, Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada.

| Households spending 30% or more of income on housing costs | Richmond Hill | York Region | Toronto (CMA) | Ontario | Canada |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Owner households | 33.8% | 28.1% | 26.7% | 19.8% | 16.6% |
| Tenant households | 55.8% | 51.8% | 46.9% | 45.7% | 40.0% |

- The average monthly shelter costs in Richmond Hill for owner households is \$1,947, and \$1,446 for tenant households. These values are higher than the average shelter costs for York Region, Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada.
- Contributing to the high average shelter costs is the high value of dwellings in Richmond Hill. The average value of a dwelling in 2016 was \$994,031.
- More households in Richmond Hill had mortgages, at 63.5%. This number is similar to 2011, when 63.4% of households had a mortgage.
- 16.7% of households in Richmond Hill lived in subsidized housing, which is above the proportion for York Region, Toronto CMA, Ontario, and Canada.

| Cost of housing | Richmond Hill | York Region | Toronto (CMA) | Ontario | Canada |
|---|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Average monthly cost – Owner households | \$1,947 | \$1,846 | \$1,755 | \$1,463 | \$1,313 |
| Average monthly cost – Tenant households | \$1,446 | \$1,417 | \$1,264 | \$1,109 | \$1,002 |
| Average value of dwellings | \$994,031 | \$871,831 | \$734,924 | \$506,409 | \$443,058 |
| % of owner households with a mortgage | 63.5% | 63.2% | 63.2% | 61.0% | 60.7% |
| % of households in subsidized housing | 16.7% | 12.5% | 14.6% | 15.0% | 13.0% |

Aboriginal peoples

- In 2016, there were 510 individuals who identified as Aboriginal in Richmond Hill, which accounts for 0.3% of the total population.
- While the number of individuals with an Aboriginal identity living in Richmond Hill has increased from 2006 and 2011, only a small portion of the total population has an Aboriginal identity.

| Aboriginal population | 2006 | 2011 | 2016 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Individuals with an Aboriginal identity | 315 | 395 | 510 |
| First Nations | n/a | 265 | 295 |
| Métis | n/a | 65 | 180 |
| Other | n/a | 45 | 20 |
| Non-Aboriginal individuals | 161,380 | 183,975 | 193,295 |
| Percentage of population with an Aboriginal identity | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.3% |